

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Akira TSUKIHASHI, et al.

Serial No: 10/080,994

Filed: February 20, 2002

For: OPTICAL DISK RECORDING/REPRODUCING  
APPARATUS

Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: Michael V. Battaglia

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	10	-20	22 **	0	LG=\$50 SM=\$25	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	2	-3	4 ***	0	LG=\$200 SM=\$100	\$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$360 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$180	\$ 0
ADDITIONAL SIZE FEE (IF ANY) (TOTAL PAGES OF SPEC AND DRAWINGS TOGETHER)					\$250 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 50 SHEETS	\$ 0
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of March 6, 2006, please enter and consider the following remarks:

**The claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.